

The Pocahontas Times.

Hear, Land o' Cakes and brither Scots,
Frae Maidenkirik to Johnny Groats,
If there's a hole in 'a' your coats,
I rede ye tent it;
A chieft' an' ye takin' notes,
An' faith he'll prunt it. — Burns

Local Events.

Marvin Carter is building a barn.
Uriah Hevener and J. W. Oliver
went to Charleston last week.

Mrs. S. J. Boggs, of Hunters-
ville, was in town last Wednesday.

T. C. Courtney is a candidate
for town sergeant the ensuing year.

Hubert Echols has been ap-
pointed a Notary Public for this
county.

Several communications are
crowded out this week for lack of
space.

Engineers have started to find
an Eastern outlet for a railroad
from Travelers Rest.

The town council has ordered
twenty street lamps for the light-
ing of the town.

Wm. McGill, of the Piedmont
Lumber Company, has been in
town for several days.

Mrs. J. C. Lorry, of Hunters-
ville, was in Marlinton last Wed-
nesday on business.

Frank Dever, of Sunset, was in
Marlinton looking after important
interests last week.

Sacramental services were con-
ducted by pastor Nickell at Hunt-
ersville last Sabbath.

Rev. J. W. Whitesell, of Acad-
emy, is absent at the bedside of his
father who is dangerously ill.

The annual meeting of the stock-
holders of the Bank of Marlinton
is adjourned to February 6, 1901.

An appeal has been granted in
the case of Hiram Sibbey vs. Stacey
and others from Greenbrier
County.

Mr. Slaymaker, of the West Vir-
ginia Spruce Lumber Company,
was in Marlinton Saturday on his
way to Philadelphia.

The case of R. S. Turk, Special
Receiver vs. Uriah Hevener has
been submitted in the Supreme
Court of Appeals.

L. M. McClintic spent Sunday
at home. He says that there is as
much hard work in serving in the
legislature as anything he has tried
 lately.

D. A. Tharp, of Lobelia, a popu-
lar teacher of public schools, was
in Marlinton last week on his way
home, having closed a successful
school at Driftwood.

Several school book companies
are represented in this county this
week on account of the meeting of
the school-book board to adopt
certain books for use in the free
schools.

Buying Pianos or Organs is like
trading horses—easy to get swin-
dled. We guarantee a square
trade and furnish references.—
Brereton & Heydenreich, Staun-
ton, Va.

Robert Gibson was in town
Monday qualifying as executor of
his father's estate. He is anxious
to get the affairs in shape while
his sister, Mrs. J. A. McLaughlin,
of Indiana, is here.

The new Marlinton Methodist
church was occupied for the first
time last Sabbath night. There
was preaching by Rev. Bogle and
the attendance was fairly good
under the circumstances.

Married, at Harrisonburg, Va.,
Mr. Claud T. Wilton and Miss
Mary Virginia Arbogast, January
22, 1901, by Rev. J. R. Anderson.
The bride is a daughter of the late
Dr. Benjamin Arbogast.

The next sub-contractors who
come here to do stone-work will
have to pay in advance. First it
was Gunther, who built the founda-
tion of the court house and
whose debts remain unsettled, and
then Cogan, Noble & House who
will be long remembered here.

It is reported on good authority
that a pulp and paper mill will
be established at Cherry Bottom,
and employ over a thousand operators.
This will make matters lively for
east Nicholas and south-west Pocahontas.

The County Court met last Sat-
urday in special session to adopt
the report of the viewers on the
road leading from Seebert to the
Marlinton and Lewisburg turn-
pike. The same will be advertised
at once and let to contract.

The Standard Oil Company will
erect tanks at this place and make
this a distributing point. These
plants usually consist of a couple
of tanks holding about 20,000 gal-
lons, into which the oil is pumped
from the car. A wagon distributes
the oil to all the near-by points
which saves barreling the oil. Oil
is barreled for points not reached
by the wagon.

The Greenbrier and Elk River
Railroad has reached the summit
and is now leading out towards the
waters of Elk river. The head of
Elk is near Cheat river and is
probably the only place the divide
between the Greenbrier valley and
Elk river can be crossed. It was
once attempted up Clover creek
but the grade is very steep and
the profile prepared of that route
looks like a flight of steps.

Tuesday evening, January 20,
1901, a unique marriage by moon-
light took place in the public high-
way near Inframonte Cottage,
West Marlinton, when Joseph
Henry Griffith and Mrs. Alpha-
retta P. W. Herbert were joined in
Holy Matrimony while seated in
their buggy, by Rev. W. T. Price.
The bride is a daughter of the late
Mrs. Herbert, of near Marlinton.
The groom is a woodman from
Clearfield, Pa.

COGAN, NOBLE & HOUSE.

Matter Practically Ended. Credit-
ors at Large Lose.

Judge McWhorter held a speci-
al term of the Circuit Court at this
place last Saturday at which time
a decree was entered practically
deciding the case of Kincaid and
other creditors vs. Cogan, Noble &
House in favor of Strang & Co.,
the general contractors, under
whom Cogan, Noble & House and
Noble & House had sub-contracts.

The wind up of this case caused
many to remark that sub-contractors
and those who work for them
contribute much to the building of
the railroads.

In 1899 Cogan & Hachel took a
subcontract to build all the mason-
ry on nine miles of the Greenbrier
Railway, including a bridge across
Greenbrier River and one across
Knapps Creek. This firm worked
during the fall of 1899, having
great difficulty in opening stone
quarries and with their coffer dams
and pumps. It was apparent to
every one that they were losing
money. In February, 1900, Noble
& House, who were grading three
miles of the road on the same con-
tract, took the job and assumed the
indebtedness, which had grown to
an alarming sum, under the name
of Cogan, Noble & House. This
seemed to put new life into the
work, and the creditors of the old
firm took negotiable notes for their
money, and seemed satisfied for a
time.

As a matter of fact the affairs of
Cogan, Noble & House seem to
have steadily grown worse. In
May they induced the railway
company to give them an advance
on cut stone before it was built in-
to the walls. In June they received
\$2000 from Strang & Co., their
May estimate, which, instead of
going into their payrolls, was en-
tirely consumed by negotiable pa-
per then falling due, which the
holders refused to renew. Those
who insisted on payment between
the first of March and the last of
June are the only one who will
probably ever see their money.

Those who accommodated this firm
had as well charge their account
to profit and loss and expense.

On the 25th of June, 1900, Co-
gan, Noble & House and Noble &
House executed deeds of trust on
their outlots to secure S. J. Payne's
debts. A number of creditors ask-
ed for a receiver on the grounds
that this was an act of insolvency.

H. A. Yeager was appointed re-
ceiver for both firms on the 7th
day of July, 1900. The un-
fortunate partners laid the cause
of their troubles on meager esti-
mates rendered by the resident en-
gineer, and John Howe Peyton
was put to work to re-measure and
classify the work. He declared a
large lot of the masonry previously
estimated as second class masonry
to be first class, but the amount it
cost, with the exception of \$900,
was swallowed up by advances
which had been made by Strang &
Co.

The Noble & House estimate
fared better. An estimate was re-
turned amounting to over \$7,000,
mainly the result of classifying as
solid rock excavation, (50c) what
had before been classed as loose
rock excavation, (25c). Before
this estimate could be paid to the
receiver Noble and House applied
to the circuit court in vacation,
without notice to creditors and be-
fore maturity of cause, and were
released from the receivership and
Strang & Co. directed to pay the
direct to them. Judge English,
of the Supreme Court, granted a
perpetua to this order the same
month, but the creditors failing to
get a stay in the operation of the
order the money was paid in the
meantime. Strang & Co. took the
work and finished it at a consid-
erable expense and land returned
an account showing profits on the
job of \$14.93, and \$4,200 due on the
Cogan, Noble & House job.

Depositions were taken for sev-
eral weeks and the record in the
case was growing to be one of the
fattest ever seen in the courts of
this county. Costs were running
up and it looked like the creditors
might not only lose their debts but
have to pay the costs. Strang &
Co. proved their accounts as
against the creditors by W. R. Hy-
man, W. P. Dewar, Peter McRae,
S. J. Payne and Geo. W. Noble.

About \$9,000 indebtedness was
reported against the firm of Cogan,
Noble & House, including about
\$2,000 reported by S. J. Payne,
which was afterwards withdrawn.

The decree was for \$4,352 in favor
of the receiver who has outstanding
labor debts and money borrowed
to pay labor of his own to the
amount of over \$25,000. By the
time the preferred claims against
the fund are decided, with the re-
ceivers salary, there will be little
or nothing left to apply on the
immense indebtedness of these
sub-contractors who found the
people of Marlinton so willing to
work for nothing.

We have desired to make as
full a statement of this case as
possible, as the creditors are so
numerous. It is difficult for many
of them to understand how the
work they did immediately costore
the bank to pay negotiable paper,
and the June estimate was con-
sumed by advances which had been
made by Strang and Co. on work
done which was charged back.

The loss of this money comes as
a great hardship to many of our
citizens. The sums are nearly all
small, but they are owing to men
who can ill afford to lose them.

DUNMORE.

Old Mrs. Pooh reminds us of
Thompson's colt which swam the
Mississippi River to get a drink
out of a mud-hole on the other
side. She had better keep in Sat-
urday, Groundhog Day, or she
will get the gripe worse than she
has had it in the last ten years.
She would not know the difference
between the pebbly paved streets
of the New Jerusalem and the path
across the Ram's Horn by John
Alderman's. Mrs. Pooh has not
been over the road between Dun-
more and Green Bank but once in
a year, and she had the gripe then
so she could not see. We believe
all she could do to a mud hole
would be to patch it with a sheep
skin, if she had a good wax end.
The road between Dunmore and
Green Bank has been pronounced
by lawyers, doctors, ministers and
railroad men and other traveling
itinerants to be the best piece of
road in the county. It was work-
ed by Mr. Pooh and three other
men last season.

If we trust to Providence a little
while we think we can have some
ice without forming an ice trust.

We have a little smallpox ex-
citement, but it is not exciting the
people like the road question. The
tax payer wants the roads sold out
every April, so they may know
what they have to pay each year.
The tax payers have a right to
have the roads worked to suit them.
The One Dollar Road Tax will be
paid to some lawyer to knock the
thing out. The roads must be let
to contract, and we will see them
improve. We must have
better roads.

We were sorry to hear of the
death of our friend and neighbor,
William Gibson.

Auctioneer Sweeney expects to
blow his horn at the Henry White
farm on Thursday, and at Durbin
Friday.

We have some sickness in our
neighborhood. There were four
doctors in town last week: Drs.
Jordan, C. L. Austin, L. H. Moo-
man, and L. L. Little.

Taylor Bros. are planing the
lumber for the paragon at Green
Bank.

Mrs. O. O. Arbogast and Miss
Flora Mooman are visiting in
Dunmore. Also Mr. and Mrs. Wol-
fenbarger and Mrs. G. W. Siple.

Mack Lockridge, Ben Campbell,
and Frank Beck went to Dublin
last week.

We expect regular trains to Cass
City February 1st.

The town of Forest will be laid
off in town lots in a short time.
This town will afford splendid op-
portunities for mills, furniture and
chair factories, tanneries, stores
and other industries. The Green-
brier Railway runs through the
town, also Greenbrier River and
Sittington's Creek. We expect to
see a flourishing town there soon.

Mrs. Brown, of Lewisburg, is vis-
iting her son-in-law, Rev. H. W.
McLaughlin.

The school at this place is closed
this week.

Big Dick and Tim Nolan are at
home.

C. E. and Reece Pritchard
brought up a load of furniture
from Marlinton last week.

B. F. McElwee has finished the
Leather Bark Bridge.

Work on the water tank at For-
est is progressing nicely.

Lumber will be shipped from
Cass to Covington this week.

Mr. Pooh.

Stock-taking Sale.

Never before has so little money
commanded so much goods.—Storm
Usters, dark grey, worth \$4.50 for
\$2.48. The world Famous Cyclone
Heaters for wood worth \$7.50 for
\$5.75, with nickel foot rails and legs.
Ladies' waists made of grey, red and
black flannel worth \$1.35 now 68c.
Gold velvet ladies' felt shoes worth
\$2.25 for \$1.48. Men's suits with
rabbars \$1.80.—Outings worth 10c
only 5c. Comforts worth \$1.25 now
85c only at Golden's.

Mrs. Laura R. Campbell, relict
of the late Benjamin B. Campbell,
of Highland County, Va., is heren-
ly passing the closing years of her
useful life at Northampton, Mass.

Mrs. Dr. Patterson and Miss Mat-
tie Campbell, of Huntersville, are
her step daughters. Mrs. Camp-
bell, as Miss Russell, came to
Highland as a teacher of rare ac-
complishments and so left her im-
pression upon her pupils that by com-
mon consent she is honored by
being regarded as having done
very much to elevate the society
of Highland to the tone that dis-
tinguishes so many of those inter-
esting people.

A very animated scene presented
itself at the Marlinton crossing last
Thursday morning. A squad of
five or six with picks and shovels
were excavating a trench from the
tank to the depot for a water pipe
to supply the depot. Six or eight
in another squad, with long hand-
led hammers, were mashing stone
for ballasting the new track. The
road is now double tracked from
the tank to the 'Y' with two or
three sidings besides. The finish-
ing tiers of the plate roofing were
being rapidly placed on the depot,
with sounds of many hammers in
full chorus. Seventy or more
darkies were loading ties. Four
hacks would take a tie from the
ground, carry it to the flat, and as
it was being raised, "higher, high-
er" would be shouted in weird
tones. The four receivers on the
car would take up the tie and shout
"step up higher there" in tones
solemn as a funeral dirge. These
must be the choicest of shanties once
heard in the far away African Jan-
gles in the times of remote African
ancestry. It is money that can
get a move on men, mules and
shining Americans of African de-
cent and truly marvellous are the
results thereof.

CASS.

We are having fine weather.
Business is still on a boom
around here. The railroad is ad-
vancing rapidly up Leather Bark.
One of the camps will be ready for
use this week.

A large feed stable is being built
here, which will be the largest
building in Cass when completed.

A large store will be built here
soon.

Messrs. Stratfield and Burner are
cooking at the company's boarding
house.

The smallpox scare has about
subsided around here.

Chas. Curry's family have the
chicken pox.

Andrew Geiger's family is just
recovering from a bad attack of gripe.

Mabel, infant daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. Keirn, is recovering from
inflammation of the stomach; Dr.
Hunter Mooman attending physi-
cian.

Rev. Henry McLaughlin preach-
ed in the company's dining room
Sunday evening, January 13, to a
congregation composed of five
women and forty or fifty men. His
text was John xiii, 34, 35. He has
the honor of having preached the
first sermon at this place. Cass
will undoubtedly become a city,
and then it can be said that the
first sermon in this city was preach-
ed in the camping dining room on the
second Sunday of the Twentieth
Century.

Owing to bad weather Rev. Mc-
Neill closed his meeting at Stoney
Bottom Wednesday night, with
two penitents at the altar. He la-
bored faithfully with the people for
a week, and time and eternity will
prove the good he did, though
perhaps it cannot be seen now.

Rev. McNeill preached at the Mc-
Laughlin church, January 20.

Frank Hinchin has closed his
school at Cold Run, after teaching
thirteen weeks. He is a good teacher,
and we were sorry to have the
school closed, but the school was
close to the railroad and he thought
the small pox might reach the
school.

ITEMS FROM THE HILLS.

This section was visited by heavy
rains last week with all indications
of another flood.

P. L. and C. W. Pettig are work-
ing for Dan O'Connell on Beaver
Creek.

Miss Florence Clutter, who is
teaching the Mount Tabor school,
has one of the most interesting and
successful schools that has been
taught there for a number of years.

J. H. Sampson is erecting a barn
for Patterson Hamilton.

Gib Neversweet is stable boss at
Smith & Whiting's camp. Jack
Daugherty is their favorite teamster.

G. E. Moore is teaching the Sul-
phur Spring school with success.

Wm. and G. H. Shrader have
contracted for a big job of clearing
for B. C. Shrader which they will
soon have completed. This will add
greatly to the appearance of Mr.
Shrader's grazing farm.

William Dilley who has been on
the sick list is now slowly improving
under the medical aid of Dr. Lock-
ridge.

I. B. Shrader is now at home from
Smith & Whiting's camp but will re-
turn this week to resume his work.
Everything is as lovely as usual.

BILLY ROUNDHOUT.

Plenty of mud this week.

Christmas passed off quietly.

Bernard Hamrick and Charlie
Wilfong spent a few days at home
this week.

The dance given by Mrs. Dallas
McLaughlin was greatly enjoyed by
all present.

Mr. G. R. Keiger and Miss Gertie
Duffield, from Edgway, were visiting
in this part a few days ago.

Several young people from Drift-
wood attended the dance given by
Mrs. Galford at Wanless.

Charlie E. Wilfong and James W.
Tacey took the train for Texas Sun-
day where the expect to make their
future home.

The Driftwood school will close
next week.

James Bird has moved to Dun-
more again.

Rev. Kessler delivered a fine ser-
mon here Sunday to a large congre-
gation.

We would be glad to have some
of the leaders of music to give us a
call.

DAISY BELL.

DILLEY'S MILL.

A. L. Dilley was in the hills last
week.

J. H. Shrader was down at Hills-
boro on business last week.

W. H. Dilley took his family to
Marlinton last week.

J. A. Shrader is feeding for Uriah
Hevener.

Willie Grimes says he has quit trav-
eling Rockies Hollow.

It has become very fashionable
here of late for boys to hug plum
trees.

The Sulphur Spring school taught
by G. E. Moore is progressing nicely.

Keep your eye on the gobbler;
another wedding in sight.

W. H. Grimes is teaching a very
interesting school at Mt. Zion.

Rev. Boyle preached a very inter-
esting sermon at Bethel last Sun-
day. His next appointment will be
the third Sunday. Everybody come.

Willie Dilley has been on the sick
list for some time but we are glad
to know he is recovering.

David Hively has been sick but
we are glad to learn he is better.

Charles and Newton Pettig re-
turned home last week.

TANGLEFOOT.

We will trade Organs or Pianos
for whiteoak, black walnut, pine
or poplar lumber.—Brereton &
Heydenreich, Staunton, Va.

STONY CREEK.

We suppose you think the people
of this section of the country are
dead; we are still in the land of the
living.

Holidays have just closed. A
hop, skip and a jump was the de-
light of the young people.

George Roak has returned from a
visit to Ireland. He reports a very
pleasant trip and the people pros-
pering in all their undertakings.

Miss Gertie Duffield has lately re-
turned from a visit to Driftwood.

The Pine Grove school is progress-
ing nicely under the management of
T. D. Moore, also the Green Hill
school taught by Miss Maggie
Stewart.

N. S. Duffield keeps his wagon
and team on the road-day and night.

Albert Gay is visiting friends and
relatives at present. He has been
making his home in Iowa.

Penick Roak says he will not go
to Scotland until spring.

BEAUTY.

EAST BUCKEYE.

Very cold this morning, Mr. Ed-
itor, but look out for a thaw if the
weather turns warm.

The town is on a boom and the
business interests are running high.

McNeil & Duncan will surprise
you with good goods and low prices.
We can truthfully say they have the
business centre of Buckeye at the
present time.

Qvpholt & Young are doing busi-
ness at the old stand.

Mrs. A. M. Kee is visiting her
aged father, J. G. McNeill, who re-
sides near this place.

We are sorry to learn that our
friend, T. A. Church, will have to
go to the C. & O. Hospital at Clifton
Forge for treatment.

Chas. Young, a very promising
young man, in fact the ideal of the
town, spent last Sunday with Mr.
and Mrs. Clark Kellison.

As news is scarce we will close
with best wishes hoping to give you
a letter of deeper interest next week.
JIM CROW.

CASS.

We are having very fine weather
at this time.

Brown Gum has purchased the
first load of goods ever brought to
Cold Run.

Drinking and fighting is the or-
der of the day.

Mr. Houston will soon leave us.
We are sorry to see him go.

A. D. Williams is in town.

Joe Hannah has left for parts un-
known. We are sorry to see him go.

E. D. Burner is getting along
nicely with his job.

J. N. Gum is repairing Ed Hun-
ter's dwelling house.

Miss Emma Burner is off to her
school.

Luther Burner is on the sick list.

Receipt for Tattlers.

Take one handful of the vine
called Rumbout, the same quantity
of the root called Nimble-tongue, a
sprig of the herb called Black-bite,
eat either before or after de-
tail, a table-spoonful of Don't-you-tell-it,
six drachm of Malice, a few drops
of Envy, which can be purchased in
any quantity at the shop of Miss
Nigdy Night Walker and Miss Tab-
itha Tea Table, stir them well to-
gether and slumber for a half hour
over the fire of Discontent, kindled
through the rag of Misconstruc-
tion and cork it up in the bottle of Ma-
levolence, hang it up on a skein of
Street Yarn, shake it occasionally
for a few days and it will be fit
for use. Let a few drops be taken
just before walking out and the sub-
ject will be enabled to speak all
manner of evil, and that continually.

N. B.—Should the neighborhood
at any time be troubled with too
much tattling let them administer a
small quantity of Do-as-you-would-
be-done-by and the operation will
cease.

W. X. U.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed bids will be received by the
undersigned at his office in the town of
Marlinton, W. Va., until

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1901 at 10
O'CLOCK, A. M.

for the construction of 633 9-10 rods
of public road in the Little Levels Dis-
trict, in Pocahontas County, W. Va.,
commencing at a point on the Lewis-
burg and Marlinton Turnpike near
the "Colored" School house and
running thence to the depot on the
Greenbrier Railway at Seebert, on the
location marked out by S. E. Clark,
M. Ruckman and Peter Hill, viewers.
Said road is to be built according to
the specifications entered of record by
the County Court at a Special Session
held on January 23, 1901, and is to be
completed by the 1st day of July, 1901.
Each bidder is required to file with
his bid a bond in the penalty of \$500.00
conditional for the faithful perfor-
mance of his contract. The Court re-
serves the right to reject any and all
bids.

S. L. BROWN,
Clerk County Court.

Jan. 29, 1901.

Notice to Creditors.